

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC MEETING: Amelia County Office Building, 16360 Dunn Street, Amelia, Virginia on January 17, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, check the DEQ website for a rescheduled date.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Conservation and Recreation are announcing the finalizing of a study to restore water quality, a public comment opportunity, and public meeting.

MEETING DESCRIPTION: Final public meeting to develop a TMDL implementation plan for restoring water quality.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: Virginia agencies are working to identify sources of the bacterial contamination in selected waterbodies located in Amelia and Nottoway Counties.

Stream Name	Locality	Length (mi.)	Impairment
Nibbs Creek	Amelia	5.43	Bacteria
Flat Creek	Amelia	3.99	Bacteria
West Creek	Amelia	7.22	Bacteria
Deep Creek	Amelia & Nottoway	11.19	Bacteria

These streams are impaired for failure to meet the *Primary Contact (Recreational)* designated use because of bacterial standard violations.

A TMDL study was completed for these streams in 2004. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, bacterial levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount. The TMDL Implementation Plan focuses on identifying the conservation efforts to meet the TMDL water quality goals.

HOW A DECISION IS MADE: The development of a TMDL Implementation Plan includes a public comment period, including public meetings. After public comments have been considered and addressed, DEQ will submit the TMDL Implementation Plan report to the VA State Water Control Board for approval.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by email, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period, January 17, 2008 to February 19, 2008. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice.

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